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SECRETARY CARLISLE has ordered the mints to begin the coinage of 18,000,000 silver dollars.

The first gold payment of the new bond issue was received at the Treasury last Wednesday; it raised the gold reserve up to \$52,750,000.

The Queen of England in her speech to Parliament expressed a desire that an equitable arrangement of the Venezuelan boundary might be reached.

Misunderstanding of train orders causes a collision on the Illinois, Central railroad, resulting in the death of several railroad men.

In response to a House resolution, the Secretary of State lays before that body all the correspondence regarding affairs in Cuba; it embraces copies of some 2,000 letters.

The recent warm spell has induced the fruit growers of south Georgia to fear that the fruit crop will be destroyed by frost, as the buds are swelling on all the peach trees.

Wiley Ellis, a mail carrier of Wilkes county, while intoxicated Wednesday fell from his road cart and broke his neck.

Mr. Thos. Sexton will be requested to succeed Mr. Justin McCarthy in the leadership of the Irish party in Parliament.

The High Point Enterprise says there is nothing in the report about Mr. R. H. Parker finding \$18,000 in gold somewhere in its country.

FIRE IN A STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.—Parkersburg, W. Va. Feb. 8.—This morning fire broke out in the brick annex to the State Normal School at West Liberty, this State. The loss was \$20,000. The bucket brigade saved the rest of the town. Considerable insurance was carried. The origin of the fire is not known.

HAVE LEFT THE SOUTHERN.—New York, Feb. 10.—General Samuel Thomas and Thomas F. Ryan of New York have resigned as directors of the Southern railway and Samuel M. Inman of Atlanta Ga. W. Maslin of New York have been selected to succeed them. Mr. Maslin will only act as a director temporarily.

MR. JONES' SEAT WILL BE CONTESTED.—Washington, Feb. 8.—The House committee on elections No. 1, Mr. Daniel of New York, chairman, has denied the application of J. J. McDonald to serve notice of contest on Wm. A. Jones, the sitting member from the first district. Mr. McDonald failed to serve notice of contest in the limit of time prescribed.

BOARD MEETING.—The board of trustees for female education in Concord and Mecklenburg Presbyteries will meet in Charlotte, N. C., at the Central Hotel, on Friday, the 13th of March, at 1 p. m., to settle location. We would like to hear from the ladies of the board. J. B. SHEARER, President.

PARTICULARS OF A DISTRESSING AFFAIR NEAR REIDSVILLE.—Webster's Weekly says: "A distressing occurrence, a cold fatal burning of the little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bethel at the home in the Meadows last Friday. Mrs. Bethel, who has been a great sufferer for several months, was taken to Danville for treatment. Sheriff and Mrs. A. H. Galloway, her parents, were at Mr. Bethel's Friday, and Mrs. Galloway heard a scream, and looking in the direction from which it came was horrified to see her little grandson enveloped in flames. She smothered the fire with her dress. The injuries sustained by the little one could not be alleviated and he died in a few hours."

Mr. Bethel is an uncle of Mr. G. W. Bethel.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.—Columbia, S. C., Feb. 4.—In the House tonight a bill was passed whereby all railroads which refuse to put in effect the rates as promulgated by the State Railroad Commission shall forfeit their charters. After a hard fought fight an amendment was introduced allowing them to appeal to the courts where they consider any rate unjust and unreasonable, but until the matter is adjusted by the courts, the rates must be enforced.

A resolution was introduced looking to the appointment of a joint committee of the Senate and House to investigate the status of the Southern Railway in this State, in accordance with the recommendation of Governor Evans. The object of the investigation is to prevent the Southern from operating certain lines in the state, which, under different management, might be competing roads. The resolution went over for consideration.

Since Secretary Morton assumed charge of the Department of Agriculture, he has saved out of the money appropriated by Congress for the support of that department \$1,000,000, and a considerable sum will be added to that amount at the close of the current fiscal year. The House Committee on Agriculture has decided to utilize this money by erecting a new building for the Agricultural Department which has outgrown the one it now occupies, which was built when the department was only a small bureau of the Interior Department.

A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased vigor.

Read our Matchless quotations at the Bee Hive.—J. D. COLLINS.

The people of this country must thank Benjamin Harrison for closing officially the efforts of a faction of the Republican party to make him again a candidate for President. Certain circumstances, occurring during the past four years, have made his refusal to become a candidate again after he had once before been nominated and retired from the White House, an act of unqualified and timely patriotism.

The return of Cleveland to the White House, after he had been in and out of it, greedily for a third term and scheming to overthrow the unwritten law against it, was a most vicious precedent. The group of third-termers, like Secretary Morton and Ambassador Bayard, right in the very heart of the Democracy, the traditional defense of the American idea, are its first fruits; and the season of harvest is not yet over. All honor to Benjamin Harrison for resolutely refusing by any act of his to make that precedent stronger and more dangerous. All honor to him for standing, like a true patriot, by a vital principle of American politics at a time when unwholly ambition and self-seeking cynicism are bringing men forward to deny it and to threaten it with obliteration.

In 1893 the public debt of the United States was only \$37,513.

A Boston druggist has been sued for \$1,500 for kissing a girl without giving her due notice. In such cases the Boston girl insists on being previously informed.

The Japanese have one way of celebrating the New Year that might be imported with profit. All individual debts are paid on or before the first of each year.

Having retired as backer of the government bond deal, J. Pierpont Morgan is the head now of a \$1,800,000,000 coal which will control the supply and price of coal. The World estimates that the new combine will advance the price of coal to the people. There are laws forbidding such conspirators control the officers whose duty it is to enforce the law.

The Coliseum, in which the Democratic National Convention will meet at Chicago on July 7th, is not yet finished, but it is expected to be by April 1st. The building stands on the ground occupied by Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show during the World's Fair, and it is a trifle over seven miles from the Palmer House. The means of reaching it quickly are numerous, however, a cable-line, the elevated road, and the Illinois Central railroad pass by the door. Colonel Dickinson says it will seat 15,000 people when finished.

The State treasurer has received checks in payment of the interest on the North Carolina railroad. The Raleigh Visitor says: "There were some ten checks, ranging as high as \$15,000. They footed up \$105,000 and was the first semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent interest on the State's stock in the North Carolina Railroad. By virtue of the recent lease, which certain high authorities have seen fit to condemn, the State gets \$15,000 more this February than it did last, and after paying interest on the bond debt will still have a good sum to go in the general treasury."

A POPULIST SOLOMON.—The Populists are always doing strange things and making new discoveries, but nothing that we have yet seen beats the performance of a Populist magistrate in this county. A negro who had threatened to kill another was brought before this magistrate upon a peace warrant. Instead of requiring the peace to give a bond to keep the peace, as is customary, this modern Solomon sentenced the offender to the county roads for six months and sent him by a constable to Sheriff Monroe, who was "instructed to see that the sentence was carried out. The commitment stated that for the sentence imposed had been served. The prisoner was to be taken back to the jail, where he would discharge to the magistrate, who was paid."

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.—The jury in the Knoxville, Tenn. Feb. 11.—The jury in the case of the murder of a woman in the afternoon, agreed on a verdict of murder in the second degree, and assessed the punishment at two years in the penitentiary. The case was immediately made for a new trial. The jury will hear the case for the first time on Saturday next. The case of Emma Clark was argued at once and the judge set the verdict in her case aside, and granted a motion to release her on \$1,000 bond, which was furnished immediately. She walked out of the court house free. The judge in setting the verdict aside in her case said it was the most outrageous verdict ever rendered in his court, there not being the slightest evidence of conspiracy, or evidence of any character to hold her in any way responsible. Judge Nelson will grant bond in his case Saturday next. All Knoxville is rejoicing that the verdict was not murder in the first degree.

American inventors will be interested in the prizes offered for the present year by the French Society for the Encouragement of Industry, the scope of the society embracing the whole field of electrical, mechanical, chemical, and economic art, etc. Thus in the mechanical arts are named rewards for the best motor for an engine of from 25 to 100 horse power, using as a maximum when working 75 kilograms of steam per hour and per indicated horse power; to the manufacturer who first produces mechanically linen threads of which at least 100,000 metres go to one kilogram, or, in the case of hemp, 15,000 metres per kilogram; for a method of reducing leakage in marine boilers; for the best means of saving the cost of the motive power of steam; for a small motor suitable for a home workshop, and which will work by the use of some simple power available in the house, or by energy transmitted from a certain station, and for improvements in the processes of retting linen and hemp in industrial use. In the department of chemical art among the prizes desiderata named are the utilization of waste products; a method of producing sulphuric acid; the discovery of a new alloy useful in the arts.

FROM OUR RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 11, 1896. How much is fact and how much is pretence in the row now in progress between the republicans and populists no democrat can tell. But they are kicking up a lot of racket and trouble. As you were told last month, Senators Butler and Pritchard were regarded as the exponents of the two parties. Butler asked Pritchard if the republicans would sign the "silver pledge" covered by the resolution adopted by the state silver convention last September. Pritchard declined the proposition. That is the matter in a nutshell. Then followed Butler's address to the silver people to form the "silver party," and on the heels of this came Pritchard's open letter, ostensibly a reply to the criticisms of the Caucasian, Senator Butler's paper, but really a reply to Butler's address.

There are said to be two factions of the populists, one agreeing entirely with Butler and desiring a silver party; the other favoring fusion with the republicans on any terms. Republicans are asserting that the latter faction of the populists are in the majority; in other words that they will over-ride Butler.

There are said also to be two factions of the republicans. One of these opposes fusion and thinks its party strong enough to win in any event, and State chairman Holton is its exponent. The other favors fusion on all tickets save the national and a division of the state. D. L. Russell is an exponent of this faction. At this writing the above is the status of affairs. There are various side issues, of minor importance. But the great central idea is to beat the democrats. To do this particular thing the populists and republicans will eat dirt, eat crow, crawl, or do anything else which people who want to get office and control can possibly do. Republicans say with entire frankness that no matter how much their people, black or white, may quarrel now, they will all get together by election day. Some time ago a republican said his party wanted to get more "broadsheet." Another republican says this is not what it needs, but that votes are the thing they want. Judging by this they must not really be so sure as they swear they are that they can carry the state against both populists and democrats. The tone of the republicans is very arrogant, indeed, and it is not exactly relished by the populists.

Republicans on one side swear loudly "we will not abandon any of our principles or put ourselves out of line with our national platform; we will give no pledges; we will join no silver party." The populists on the other hand cry out "you must take the silver pledge before you can get our votes."

Daniel L. Russell claims that in over half the counties the populist and republican workers have already put their heads together and agreed that there shall be fusion locally. This is a mere deal for office. Chairman Holton says this will be carried out on a larger scale by the republicans who will vote for populist Congressional candidates in democratic districts in exchange for populist support of the national ticket, etc. He calls such a thing an "arrangement."

The editor of Senator Butler's paper says: "If Senator Pritchard does not come down here and say he is willing to have a ticket pledged to free silver and nothing else he will not get populist votes."

Now will Senator Butler fail in his effort to create the silver party? It is the question of the hour. Maj. James Russell says that three-fourths of the voters in the state are for free silver. Ohio Wilson says that even here in Raleigh the great majority of the people are for it. Now the question is how far does this silver love go? If far enough then Senator Butler can form his new party. His friends assert that he always looks before he leaps.

Another point is, does the republican state chairman have the backing of the state and national republican committees? Dr. J. J. Mott says no, and adds that the national committee will assent to whatever the "fusionists" may decide on in this state. As to the meaning of the word "fusionists" the Dr. is a trifle hazy. He says he will in a few days tell what it means. He is now ranked by the straight republicans as a populist. He has the silver fever as bad as Senator Butler.

Up jump the anti-Holton republicans and declare "no power can prevent our fusion with the republicans; not all the leaders can do it." Holton says the state and the national committees endorse him. Meanwhile the struggle for the gubernatorial nomination goes on, the republicans saying this is their bone which none of the populists have a right to quarrel over. Russell says he is sure to get the nomination and Dockery says the same thing.

Outside of politics the week has been very quiet. The shipments of commercial fertilizer were the heaviest in a long while. This is due to a big cotton crop, belief that there are no cotton to effect the farmers' associations to that effect came further belief. Usually farmers wait till their plans. This year they do so, it seems, and acknowledge they intend to plant a big crop. It is a great mistake, but advice is wasted, it is feared, by those who are trying so earnestly to give it.

The supreme court today took up appeals from the second district.

The sensation locally of the past few days was the assault on Mr. Joseph Daniels by U. S. Marshal Carroll on the street last Friday morning. It was a battle without blows. Attacks by the News and Observer on the marshal led to the personal attack by the latter. But friends have mediated and it all ends happily, like a fairy story. Yesterday the late combatants settled their personal differences. Marshal Carroll will investigate the charges against his subordinates and deputes against U. S. commissioners and deputy marshals also. The office of marshal now pays \$6,500 a year; that of district attorney \$6,000. Both are up to the limit.

The North Carolina railway yesterday paid to the state treasurer \$105,000. This is a 3 1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend, under the new lease. For the next half year the dividend will be \$90,000, or 3 1/2 per cent, making the 6 1/2 per cent annual rate.

Its last owner had just started it at work when it went to pieces. The penitentiary has leased a farm near Wadesboro. There has for some time been a clamor for a farm in the Piedmont section, as it has been contended that prisoners sent from the west did not enjoy good health on the farms of the Roanoke. But the statistics of the latter town show this belief not well founded. Farming on the rich bottom lands of the Roanoke is very profitable, barring freshets. Including the risk run from these it is gambling. There are now only seven white female convicts. The number has seldom exceeded a dozen. Nearly all of these are serving sentences for murder. A young student named Jennings died at A. & C. College here last Friday night, of pneumonia, following measles. He was from Pasquotank. While there less than 100 cases of measles in Raleigh, the type of the disease is unusually malignant.

Raleigh has a great number of churches. It is now to have three of the finest in the State, these being the Roman Catholic and Episcopal Cathedrals and the Presbyterian church. The three are to cost \$150,000. The Episcopal is now one of the most attractive sites in the city and have for many years desired to have a handsome building, as it will increase their membership, now small.

The four assassins of Mr. J. B. Bonner are now in the penitentiary, all save Dave Credle for very long terms, practically for life. How they escaped the gallows is a puzzle. All will be kept in the prison and not sent to the farm.

The first of March, ex-bank cashier Isaac H. Foust of Salisbury will have served out his term of two years, less two months which he earned by good conduct.

If any person files the proper bond the attorney General will have to bring suit to test the question whether the farmers' alliance has not exceeded the powers conferred by its charter in employing attorneys to bring suit to vacate the charter of the North Carolina railway.

One of the saddest death which ever occurred in this city was that of Mrs. E. B. Barbee, just a year after her wedding. She was a sister of Mr. Greek O. Andrews of the Press-Visitor, and her voice was perhaps the sweetest in all the State.

Mr. John Womack, a well known resident of Chatham county, died here Saturday, at the home of his son, ex-Judge Thomas B. Womack, and his remains were taken to Pittsboro for burial.

Resolutions on the Death of Col. John E. Brown.

The members of the Charlotte bar met yesterday afternoon at the Law Library room, and adopted the following memorial and resolutions, which had been prepared by a committee and reported to the meeting, viz:

The members of the Charlotte bar, desiring to place upon record a testimony of the life and character of the late Col. John E. Brown, and to give expression to their sorrow at his untimely death, submit the following sketch of his life and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions:

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Local Items.

See notice of Sale of Land, Monday, Feb. 17.—Jane R. Wilkes, mortgagee. Trustee's Land Sale, Monday, Feb. 17.—P. D. Walker, Trustee.

The trial of Mr. C. L. Davis, of Charlotte will come up in Macon court next week for the killing of Philmore Goodwyn.

Mr. Les Pierce fell down an embankment on East Hill street in a fainting fit. He was badly hurt but sustained no serious injury.

On Friday night General Gordon will deliver his celebrated lecture on the Last Days of the Confederacy at the Y. M. C. A. Hall in this city.

The "Congressman," played by the Charlotte Dramatic Association last Friday night, is to be repeated Thursday, 18th, for the benefit of the Vance monument.

The alarm of fire Wednesday night was occasioned by a blaze at the coal chute of the Southern passenger depot. The department promptly arrived and the flames were extinguished.

Sixty acres of land belonging to Mrs. Martha Kirkpatrick, of Sharon, were sold Monday by Mr. H. N. Pharr, under a deed of trust, and were bought by Mr. D. P. Lee for \$802.

The firm of Rogers & Co. is changed to Leslie & Rogers. Mr. Leslie is a thorough business man, well known to our people, and will manage the affairs of the new firm.

Dr. R. M. Norment, of Robeson county, was in the city last week. He is a candidate for republican nomination for Congress in this district this year. He is for Judge Russell for Governor.

Mr. Jennings Kerr, of Paw Creek Township, said yesterday, I want no more shoes from the Bee Hive. When asked why, he said, "I bought from you what you will not wear out. I have worn a pair bought three years ago from the Bee Hive twelve months for Sunday, and nearly two years for every day. In the future will buy all my shoes from the Bee Hive."

The Hornets Nest Riflemen, of this city, are commencing to figure on a trip to Richmond in June, and with that end in view have tendered an escort to the local camp of Confederate Veterans when the latter go to Richmond to attend the reunion of the association of United Confederate Veterans.

The Hornets have taken hold of the matter very enthusiastically and are counting on having a big time.

Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color-matter for the hair, and medicinal herbs for the scalp, curing grayness, baldness, dandruff, and scalp scabs.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp is bare and the hair roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

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